General Background Notes

The True Adventures of Charlotte Doyle

Rich and poor

Class division

What does it mean to be a woman in 1832in the upper class?

That is educated?

That is mannerly?

That is articulate?

Who is the organizer / supervisor of the household?

1. nanny
2. cook
3. housekeeper

What is charity work and how is it important at this time period and during this story?

What does it mean to entertain husband’s social security?

“Breach of decorum” – What does this ,mean? / Look for examples as you read throughout the book.

Societal Structure Order

Rich adult bosses everyone

Rich kids boss poor adults and poor kids

Poor adults boss poor kids

Poor kids boss no one

\*\*\*\*\* Blasphemy for even a poor adult to say something bad about a rich kid

Story takes place in first person point of view

The story is told after it happens

Lots of foreshadows in this book

Please keep a list as we read